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SUBJECT: STATUS ISRAEL NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM

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(D) IAEA VIENNA 1953

1. SCIATT MET WITH DR. YOKA ADAR, DIRECTOR FOREIGN RELATIONS, ISRAEL ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION ON APRIL 12. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION ADAR PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
(A) COMMISSIONERS, WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN PRESENT AS CHAIRMAN, MET LAST WEEK TO DISCUSS DRAFT AGREEMENT PROVIDED BY REF A. ADAR BELIEVES THERE ARE NO MAJOR ISSUES BUT IAEA DIRECTOR UZI EILAM HAS SOME "CONCERNS". AS TO EXACTLY WHAT CONCERNS, ADAR NOT WILLING TO STATE. HE DID SAY DRAFT AGREEMENT CONSIDERED TO BE MUCH MORE FAVORABLE THAN ONE IN PAST.
(B) NSSS (NUCLEAR STEAM SUPPLY SYSTEM) SUPPLIERS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO EXTEND BIDS TO SEPTEMBER 1 WITH NO CHANGE IN APRIL 1, 1985 OPERATIONAL DATE.
(C) ALTHOUGH INFERRING OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO
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DRAFT AGREEMENT IN NEAR FUTURE, ADAR QUESTIONED EFFECT

ON US, IF THERE WERE FURTHER DELAY WITH ISRAELI AGREEMENT. SCIATT RESPONDED WITH GIST OF PARA 2 REF A ON DESIRABILITY OF PROCEEDING IN TANDEM, ETC. ADAR STATED THEY APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR SYMMETRY IN AGREEMENTS AND WERE SENSITIVE TO POTENTIAL PROBLEMS IN ELECTION YEAR OF CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW DELAYS.

(D) HE DISCUSSED ISRAELIS CONTINUED INTEREST IN A DUAL NUCLEAR POWER WATER DESALTING PLANT AND INDICATED DEFINITE PLANNING FOR THIS TYPE OPERATION WITH SECOND NUCLEAR POWER FACILITY. IAEC WOULD LIKE TO INCORPORATE WITH FIRST PLANT BUT ISRAEL ELECTRIC CORP. OBJECTS, ALTHOUGH IF THERE ARE CONTINUED DELAYS IN CONTRACTING THEN MAY BE POSSIBLE TO ADD TO FIRST.

(E) ADAR EXPRESSED INTEREST IN US COOPERATION IN DEVELOPING SEA WATER COOLING TOWER TECHNOLOGY FOR USE WITH NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. IAEC EVIDENTLY HAS HAD SOME LIMITED DISCUSSION WITH WESTINGHOUSE AND SOMEONE AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND. ISRAEL SEES POTENTIAL USE OF THIS TECHNOLOGY FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS LOCATED ALONG PROPOSED MEDITERRANEAN/DEAD SEA CANAL (REF B) WHERE FLOW RATE INSUFFICIENT FOR THROUGH-PUT COOLING. COMMENT: IF SUFFICIENT US INTEREST THIS COULD BE CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE PROJECT FOR NEW BINATIONAL INDUSTRIAL R&D FOUNDATION SUPPORT.

(F) ADAR STATED CONSENSUS NOW THAT THERE IS NO COASTLINE FAULT AS PREVIOUSLY SUSPECTED BY SOME ISRAELIS, (SEE REF C) AND EXPRESSED IRRITATION THAT SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS AND TIME HAD BEEN SPENT ON BASIS OF VERY QUESTIONABLE SUSPICIONS. GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY ANALYSIS WILL BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER.

(G) EKLUND VISIT (REF D) WAS DESCRIBED AS TOURISTIC WITH NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS.

2. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVICE AND COMMENT.
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